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## SMALL FARE OF GROUND FISH.

ALSO FOUR SWORDFISHERMEN  
AND ONE FARE OF BLUE.  
BACKS AT T WHARF.

The total receipts of ground fish at T wharf this morning are contained in one little sloop and figure up the microscopic total of 2600 pounds, of which 2000 pounds are cod, and not a pound of haddock in the lot.

The other arrivals there are one craft, sch. Charles A. Dyer, with 136 barrels of bluebacks, which will go for bait and four swordfishermen with catches ranging from 42 to 95 fish, the price on these being 4 and 41-4 cents per pound.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, 94 swordfish.  
Sch. Mildred J., 53 swordfish.  
Sch. On Time, 61 swordfish.  
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, 136 bbls. fresh bluebacks.  
Sch. Lewie Warren, 42 swordfish.  
Sch. Azorean, 2000 cod, 200 hake, 200 cusk, 200 pollock.  
Cod, \$3.75 per cwt.; pollock, \$2; hake, \$2; cusk, \$2; swordfish, 4c to 4 1/4c lb.

### FRENCH FISHERMAN SUNK.

Crew Had All Night Row in Dories to  
St. Pierre, Miq.

Weary from an all-night pull through the rolling seas in open dories, 16 fishermen rowed up St. Pierre, Micoulon, harbor yesterday, bringing the first news of the sinking of the French fishing schooner *Mirande* Thursday, off St. Peter's bank.

The fishermen said that the first they knew there was trouble came when the schooner suddenly began to fill with water. Rushing below, some of the fishermen found that the *Mirande* had sprung a leak and was rapidly sinking.

The men hurriedly put off in their dories. They started their long pull for the shore just after the schooner went below the surface of the water.

The *Mirande* was built in 1876 and was registered 42 tons net. She was owned by St. Pierre people and was formerly called the *Perseverante*.

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## MADE SMALL MACKEREL HAULS

BUT SEINERS ON THE RIPS DID  
NOT GET ENOUGH TO BRING  
TO MARKET.

The crew of the seiner *Shenandoah*, which arrived at this port this morning, report that several of the seining fleet made small hauls of mackerel on the Rips yesterday, among the luck crafts being schs. Marguerite Haskins, Ralph L. Hall and Slide Gorton. There were some small pods of fish showing but they were very wild and none of the crafts got enough to go to market with. The men of the *Shenandoah* said that the Hall got the largest haul.

The report yesterday that sch. Stilleto was at this port with a small fare of salt mackerel was incorrect.

Schs. Lucania and Lizzie M. Stanley will now haul out of seining, put on the dories and go shacking.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Arabia sold to Sylvanus Smith & Co. at \$23 per barrel. The fish were all large, two barrels going 120 count and 27 barrels going 90 count to the salted barrel. They were all rimmed and of good color and in fine order, showing quite a lot of fat.

Yesterday afternoon the gasoline shore seining fleet struck only a barrel or two apiece of bluebacks and kyacs, but five of them had from 300 to 900 each of small fresh mackerel, about 2500 all together, which sold at the Port at 41-4 cents each.

Capt. George Peebles of the sword-fishing sch. Lafayette reports, sighting an immense red school of mackerel last Saturday 25 miles southeast of No Man's Land. His craft which was at Boston yesterday brought in a small turtle.

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## RECIPROCITY BILL PASSES TODAY.

Legislation Most

Important to Gloucester

Since the Civil War.

Local Opinion Is

However Divided as to

Its Benefits.

Today, unless all signs fail, there will be enacted on the part of the United States, a bill of more vital interest to the city of Gloucester than any piece of national legislation since the Civil War, namely, the Canadian reciprocity bill.

With the passage of the bill by the Senate, which action is scheduled for this afternoon and the signing of the same by President Taft, which official act is set down to take place at 2 o'clock, the most bitter fight for legislation waged by any administration in recent years will close.

The act has not yet been enacted by the Canadian parliament and at present it is expected that the opposition there will force a general election before it is passed upon. The government majority at present is 40 and it is claimed that even an election would not disturb this materially and Premier Laurier, the advocate of the bill, would continue in power.

The reciprocity bill provides for the free entry of Canadian fish into the United States, and contains no concessions on the part of Canada to the fishing interests of this country in return. The bill has been very strongly

opposed by the fishing interest of this city, with a very few exceptions. About all of the business houses whose business is allied with the fisheries and fitting of vessels also opposed the bill, while on the other hand, among the retail dealers along the street, there is an unmistakable feeling in favor of the bill, which though not always expressed, is evident.

Besides these there are a great many in the several walks of life, who openly advocated the "free fish" pact. For the first time, on national fishery legislation Gloucester sentiment was unmistakably divided and this division of opinion was well known at Washington.

That at least 60 senators out of a total membership of 91 will vote in favor of the measure is predicted by senators of both political parties. This vote will include all but four or five of the Democrats, and will include also a great proportion of the so-called "stalwart" Republicans, including Senator Lodge. Opposed to the bill will be a majority of the Republican insurgents, who come from northwestern states, a few of the Republican regulars and a handful of Democrats.

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### SWORDFISH ATTACKED DORY.

Crew of Sloop On Time Had to Kill  
Shark Before Former Was Secured.

Benj. Ferguson, one of the crew of sloop On Time, while hauling in the line attached to a 300 pound swordfish on Georges a few days ago, had the fish turn on him and run his sword through the dory with such violence as to break the sword off.

As the fish backed away, a big shark tackled it and Ferguson and Capt. Peter Johnson had to kill the scavenger before they could get the swordfish alongside the vessel.

### Portland Fish Notes.

The sch. Lizzie May also brought in 80 barrels, while the little sloop Jennie R. landed 35 barrels.

A small trip of halibut, some 5000 pounds, was landed at Portland Thursday by sch. Margaret Dillon of Boston. The schooner also had on board about 30,000 pounds of cusk, for which there is not much demand here, and the schooner after taking out her halibut at the J. W. Trefethen Co.'s sheds was forced to take the other fish to Gloucester, where they were sold to the splitters.

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### Bait Scarce.

There was no squid at Provincetown yesterday. The steamer Quoddy landed 50 barrels of herring at Provincetown Thursday, the Bethula came to Boston with 150 barrels and from the Nahant traps the Italian fishermen brought in 165 barrels. Portland, Me., also received 200 barrels of blueback herring from local sellers.

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## T WHARF HAS FISH IN VARIETY.

DEALERS HAVE MANY KINDS ON  
THE MARKET THIS  
MORNING.

T wharf has a fine supply of most any kind of fish this morning from a 500 pound swordfish to a one pound mackerel. Besides five good swordfish trips and three small fares of mixed fresh mackerel, the dealers had before them when the bell rang, two fine trips of halibut and 15 fares of ground fish, many of the latter being of good proportions.

Outside of swordfish which are well known and seem unable to get back, as long as the big fish continue in such liberal receipts, and haddock which are and have been plenty for some time, fish of various kinds bring good prices. As a sample, large mackerel are worth 35 cents each, right out of the vessel, large cod are selling at \$4 and \$4.50 and pollock are bringing \$3 and \$3.50.

Most of the market fleet in this morning have fine lots of codfish, caught to the eastward in the vicinity of the Cape Shore. Cod have been very scarce and high and the price today is good considering the unexpectedly large amount in.

The two steam trawlers *Ripple* and *Spray* are in with good fares, but the banner trip in the dock is sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, from a short while gone to La Have bank and hauling for 125,000 pounds of fresh fish and 25,000 pounds of halibut.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 30,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 2 swordfish.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 50,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Lear C., 37 swordfish.  
Sch. Stranger, 111 swordfish.  
Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, 85 swordfish.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 104 swordfish.  
Sch. Angie Watson, 114 swordfish.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 45,000 haddock, 250,00 cod, 3 swordfish.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 15,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 1500 hake, 5000 cusk, 7 swordfish.

Sch. Francis V. Sylvia, 40,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 2 swordfish.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 2000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 7000 pollock, 3 swordfish.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 7000 fresh mixed mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 4000 fresh mixed mackerel.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 3400 fresh mixed mackerel.

Steamer *Ripple*, 60,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 2000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Gov. Foss, 125,000 fresh fish, 25,000 halibut.

Sch. Paragon, 40,000 fresh fish, 25,000 halibut.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 20,000 haddock, 21,000 cod.

Sch. Alice M. Gurnie, 7000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 12,000 cusk, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Athena, 51,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Junia, 1000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Philomena Manta, 1000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 9000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 hake.

Steamer *Spray*, 50,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1300 pollock.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.25; cusk, \$2; fresh mackerel, large 35c, medium 20c, small 5c each; swordfish, 43-5c to 43-4c lb.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$20 per bbl. for large and \$16 per bbl. for tinkers.  
Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.12 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.62 1-2 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.  
Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.87 1/2, medium \$4.37 1/2, snappers \$3.

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Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62 1/2, medium \$4.25.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1/2, medium \$3.62 1/2.  
Haddock, \$2.00.  
Pollock, \$1.75.  
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.75.  
Eastern shack trip cod, \$4.12 1/2 for large and \$3.62 1/2 for medium.  
All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.  
Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.  
Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.  
Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.35 per cwt. for large and \$1.90 for mediums.  
Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$3.90.  
Dressed pollock, 90 cts.; round, 80 cts.  
Bank halibut 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8c. for gray.  
Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.  
Cape North cod, \$2.20 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.  
Fresh large mackerel 19 cts. each; mediums 12 cts., tinkers 5 cts. each.  
Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.  
Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

#### Will Change in Fishing Trips.

Capt. Lemuel Firth has hauled sch. Sylvania out of mackerej seining and is fitting her for dory handlining.

Capt. Andrew Gouvereau is fitting sch. Claudia for deck handlining cod-fishing.

Capt. Almon D. Malloch, who came in this morning in sch. Indiana, from mackerel seining, has hauled up for a while at least.

Capt. John McInnis is fitting sch. Independence II for a salt bank dory handline codfishing trip.

Capt. George Hodgdon is fitting sch. Benjamin A. Smith for shacking.

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### Halifax Fish Market.

The Halifax Herald says:  
"The Caspe and Labrador catch of codfish is unsatisfactory to date and this gives a feeling of strength to the market. In sympathy with these reports the Lunenburg holders of bank fish are asking a slight advance on previous quotations, the last sale being about 6.25 per quintal, Lunenburg. It does not look as if we would have any cheap fish this season. Possibly after the hot weather is over, the supply may be greater, and this would tend to depress prices, but there are no indications of it yet. Meantime orders are small and margins narrow and the fish merchant's life is an unhappy one."

"Haddock are quoted at about \$4.50 and hake \$4. These fish are fairly plentiful."

"A few fat herring are arriving and selling at about \$4.25 ex schooner."

"Alewives are very scarce and quoted at about \$6.50."

"There are very few mackerel salted on the shore and we value them at about \$10.50 per barrel."

#### Fishing Fleet at North Sydney.

A question that has long occupied the attention of the citizens of North Sydney, C. B., and one that is of great import to every citizen of the town, will again come up for discussion at a meeting of the Board of Trade, which will be held next Tuesday night. The matter referred to is the bonusing of a fleet of fishing vessels out of North Sydney. That the establishment of such an industry means much for the town there is not the slightest doubt.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., was at Liverpool, N. S., Friday.



# 24 July 24. MADE LONG SEARCH FOR BAIT

## TWO FISHING CRAFT RETURN WITHOUT FARES AS THE RESULT.

As an instance of the scarcity of bait, both in this vicinity and to the eastward, it is only necessary to report the arrival here this morning of schs. Thomas S. Gorton and Joseph H. Cromwell after a long and vain search for this very necessary article.

Capt. William H. Thomas of the former craft is one of the leading fishermen of the coast, and to return empty handed is for him most unusual. The captain reports, however, that he had cruised everywhere and found no bait, therefore he could do no fishing. He tried at St. Pierre and found no caplin there, and then he had a try with jigs on the fishing banks and there were no squid there. After this he went way to the coast of Labrador, where it was the same story, "no bait."

Capt. Thomas then came back to the Nova Scotia coast, went into Canso and there was no bait there. He telegraphed around and heard of the bait which had been reported at Liverpool and vicinity, and accordingly, came to the westward, but when he got up there, the supply had been all taken up and no more had been taken in the traps, so he just made up his mind to come home, and call the trip off and fit out for another start.

The Cromwell did not go as far as did the Gorton, to the Labrador coast, but like her, she was unable to secure any bait on the Nova Scotia coast.

### Visited T Wharf.

T wharf was surprised Thursday by a visit from Henry Putnam, head of one of the lobster concerns on Commercial wharf, who is here from West Palm Beach, Florida, on a visit to his son John. About two years ago Mr. Putnam went to Florida to care for some fisheries he had purchased there and was so much taken with the southern state that he chose to make it his residence. The men about T wharf organized a reception committee, and headed by Arthur Johnson and Edward Devere, will give him a reception at his son's home in Winthrop Centre next Monday evening.

### Portland Fish Notes.

The only herring fare landed at Portland on Friday was about 50 barrels of bluebacks landed from the sloop Isabel Parsons. It is reported that the fishing vessels are baiting outside, purchasing directly from the herring catchers.

Capt. P. M. Harty, representing the New England Fish Company, is again in the city, making his headquarters as before with the F. S. Willard Co. on Central wharf. Capt. Harty reports that quite a number of the Massachusetts halibut catchers are now on the way home from the Banks and he expects that several of them will take out their fares at Portland.

### Hauled Out for Examination.

After taking out her swordfish trip at T wharf Saturday, sch. Mabel E. Bryson, which reached the wharf in an almost sinking condition, was hauled out on the ways at East Boston for examination and repairs. It is thought that the leak may be around the shaft aft or that a swordfish may have driven a hole in the bottom with its sword.

### Schooner Spoken.

Capt. Horace Wildes of sch. Ingomar reports speaking schs. James W. Parker and Harmony on Quero Bank there. Capt. Wildes also reports seeing quite a number of the market boat fleet fishing on Quero and among them he recognized sch. Matthew S. Greer.

### Good Shacking Stock.

Sch. Rex, Capt. John Grady, stocked \$436.24 as the result of her recent shack trip, the crew sharing the fine amount of \$123.65 each.

### Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Juno sold to the American Halibut Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Corona was at Portland Saturday with 7000 pounds of halibut and a small lot of fresh and salt fish.

# July 24. SOME GOOD-SIZED TRIPS LANDED.

## FISH RECEIPTS SHOWED MARK- ED INCREASE OVER LAST WEEK'S FIGURES.

The number of arrivals here with fish since last report is larger than for several days of last week combined, and included in the list are several with fine fares.

Sch. Oriole, Capt. Louis Wharton, of the dory handline fleet, is home with a pleasing trip, hailing for 235,000 pounds.

This is the best fare of the season to be landed by any of the dory handline fleet and encourages the hope that as Capt. Wharton has struck good fishing, others of this fleet may have done the same. Capt. Wharton has done big work in the dory handline fishery for several seasons in succession, and bids fair this year to live right up to his reputation.

Two of the salt cod drifters also have dandy catches, the best in their line this season, sch. Patriot, Capt. Alex. Surrence hailing for 65,000 pounds of salt cod, caught off Liscomb, while sch. Volant, Capt. Allen Dolman, brings 45,000 pounds, about all large fish, from a spot he struck on Western Bank.

Sch. Juno, Capt. John G. Stream, from Georges halibuting, has a fare which will pan out a fine stock and share, for the craft has in the neighborhood of 25,000 pounds of halibut and some fresh and salt fish beside.

The big snacking schs. Ingomar and Morning Star came in yesterday each with a good big lot of fish. Capt. Wildes of the Ingomar hails his catch for 35,000 pounds of salt cod, and 135,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly cod, with 8000 pounds of halibut on the side, to sort of help out on the expenses with, while Capt. Decker of the Morning Star, his second shack trip this season, and out but short while, hails for 160,000 pounds of fresh fish, hake predominating.

Several of the mackerel fleet have come in since Saturday afternoon, most of them having small lots of fish. Schs. Georgia, Constellation and Saladin have from 1600 to 4000 fresh mackerel each, mostly small fish, while schs. Lena and Maud and Indiana bring small lots of salted mackerel.

Schs. Thomas S. Gorton and Joseph M. Cromwell are back after a long and fruitless search for bait to the eastward. Two of the shore seining steamers landed about 100 barrels of fresh bluebacks at the freezer this morning.

Another of the shack fleet in this morning is sch. Jorgina, one of the market boats, fishing on the Cape Shore. She brings 90,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, which came in here yesterday with 7000 fresh mixed mackerel, later went to Boston, where she is marketing her trip today.

Sch. Mattie Winship of the straight Georges handline fleet, is in with a small trip, the skipper hailing for 12,000 pounds of salt cod.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, handlining, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Juno, Georges, halibuting, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 7000 lbs. salt cod, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, off Cape Cod, 7000 fresh mixed mackerel, (went to Boston.)

Sch. Saladin, off Cape Cod, 4000 fresh mackerel, mostly small.

Sch. Constellation, off Cape Cod, 1600 large and medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lena and Maud, off Cape Cod, 8 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Morning Star, eastern shacking, 160,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ingomar, Quero Bank, fresh and salt shacking, 135,000 lbs. fresh fish, 35,000 lbs. salt cod, 8000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Volant, deck handline drifting, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Patriot, deck handline, drifting, 65,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Georgia, off Cape Cod, 2300 fresh mackerel, mostly small.

Steamer Joppalte, shore, 50 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Steamer Hurricane, shore, 50 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, shacking, returned on account of lack of bait.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shacking,

returned on account of lack of bait.  
Sch. Indiana, seining, 4 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Jorgina, shacking, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Oriole, salt bank dory handlining, 235,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Dorcas, shore.  
Sch. Robert and Carr, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining.  
Sch. Margaret, halibuting.  
Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibuting.  
Sch. Mabel D. Hines, salt trawl banking.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Boston.  
Sch. Julietta, swordfishing.  
Sch. Actor, shore.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.

# July 24. MACKEREL TAKEN IN SMALL LOTS.

## Three Fares at This Port and Three at Boston.

Mackerel continue to be taken in small lots off Chatham and this morning finds three vessels at Boston and three at this port with small fares of mixed fish. Sch. Ralph L. Hall at Boston, has the largest catch, hailing for 7000 fish, about 1700 of which are large and the rest tinkers.

The other fares at Boston are schs. Marguerite Haskins with 4000 fresh mixed mackerel and the little sch. Mary Emerson with 3400 mackerel.

Late Saturday afternoon sch. Georgia came in here with 2500 fresh mackerel, mostly small, and last night schs. Saladin and Constellation arrived, the former with 4000 fresh mixed mackerel and the latter with 1600, mostly large and mediums. This morning also sch. Lena and Maud came in with 8 barrels of salted mackerel.

### Fleet Made Small Hauls off Chatham Saturday.

Some 15 sail of the seining fleet are reported to have made small hauls off Chatham on Saturday and Sunday, but did not get enough to come to market with. The fish are reported in small pods, but some of the seining skippers feel greatly encouraged to see the small and medium fish mixed with the large ones and are of the opinion there will be some good fishing yet this season. They seem to think that when the fish get ready to move from their present location they will bunch up in bigger schools, and then the ones who are fortunate to be on the spot and make hauls will get stocks which will repay them well for hauling on.

### But Little Talk Yet of Going to North Bay.

As yet there is little talk of going to North Bay, but some of the skippers have been considering the matter and if the fish play out entirely soon down around the Rips and off Chatham and none are reported elsewhere will probably go to the Bay, although at present none of them want to go so far away from this shore.

Many of the skippers are much interested in the report of Capt. George Peeples of sch. Lafayette, of the red schools of mackerel seen recently 25 miles southeast of No Man's Land and which from the closest observation he is positive were mackerel, and some of the crafts will take a look out that way when they go out from here again. Some of the skippers say they have no doubt the fish are there and that they have been there for some time and hold to the opinion they are the schools of big fish which came up to the vicinity of the South Shoal lightship some time ago and then did not come this way, but went back to the westward as they have been known to do before. If these fish should hang long around the vicinity where they were seen last week by Capt. Peeples, some of the captains say that some good hauls are liable to result.

Just at present a few fresh mackerel are pretty valuable property for at Boston this morning, the large fish are selling at the grand price of 35 cents each, while the mediums are bringing 20 cents and the tinkers 5 cents.

Sch. Lucania did not shift over to haddocking as was expected, but sailed again Saturday, with boats and seines to rejoin the fleet off Chatham.

# July 24. CLAM FLATS ARE OWNED BY STATE

## INTERESTING DECISION AF- FECTING THE FENCING IN OF THE TERRITORY.

In response to his request for information concerning the law relating to the culture and protection of clams, Representative Curley has received a letter from George M. Bowers, U. S. commissioner of fisheries, stating that the matter is one of jurisdiction solely and that the federal government is without jurisdiction, unless general navigation is interfered with in which case it would come under the jurisdiction of the war department.

Acting upon this statement and the information he has received from other sources, Mr. Curley wrote to ex-representative Joseph H. O'Neill of Boston, telling him that, so far as he could learn from consulting government officials and legal authorities Mr. O'Neill and other owners of shore property have a right to build clam pounds on their own property, cultivate clams and enjoy the full use of them.

The general law covering the question of ownership of shore lands is that the owner's title runs as far out in the ocean as the low tide point. The U. S. supreme court so held in a recent Virginia case, where the question of oyster beds was under dispute. The possibility of interfering with general navigation by building a clam pound does not, Mr. Curley thinks, enter into the question as a clam pound would hardly extend far enough out in the water to interfere with anything except free larce clam diggers.

In a second letter to Mr. Curley, Mr. O'Neill suggests that inasmuch as the clam supply of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has been so reduced in recent years a closed season for clams should be established. Mr. Curley informed Mr. O'Neill that this was a matter solely in the power of the legislatures of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to determine.

# July 25. CAUGHT TRIP WITHOUT BAIT.

## CREW OF SCH. ORIOLE CAUGHT ENTIRE FARE ON "SLICKERS."

It is something most unusual to catch a whole trip of fish, and a big trip, too, without using any bait, but that is the experience of Capt. Louis Wharton and the crew of sch. Oriole, which arrived yesterday from a dory handline salt cod fishing trip.

The craft, as do all the dory handliners, carried a good supply of salted clams to use to catch fish with, but when she got on the fishing grounds at St. Pierre bank, the fish did not seem to want clams and fought shy of baited hooks. As he was fishing in shoal water, Capt. Wharton decided to try the slickers, or "jiggers," as the fishermen generally call them.

These worked all right, as there was a goodly body of fish. Later the Oriole went to Grand Bank and here again, on the eastern part, the fish would not look at the clams and again the jiggers came into play and again proved their efficiency for they did good fishing and resulted in the fine fare of 235,000 pounds, or better, of salt cod which the Oriole brought home.

Capt. Wharton reports fishing on St. Peter's and Grand Banks and on the last of it came up on Quero Bank. Here he struck only few fish but did find however some squid.